

E-classes cost more, convenient

Logan Papen
junior staff writer

In the days of ever-rising costs of tuition, housing, books, fees and a whole array of essentials for college, saving money can be a top priority.

While some students turn to the government for financial aid or use private loans, others turn to distance learning through online classes. But, like most things that cost money, there can be both advantages and disadvantages to taking online classes.

"I didn't know until after I saw the bill that online classes were more expensive," said Allyson Clabough, junior in communication studies. "I figured that online classes would be cheaper."

So, why are online classes more expensive than traditional on-campus classes?

According to K-State's Division of Continuing Education website, an Introduction to Sociology class online is \$1,014.00 while an in-person, traditional class costs \$798.70 for a Kansas resident.

"I think there are two main reasons for why online class tuition is more expensive than traditional classes," said David Stewart, assistant dean for the program development and marketing division of continuing education. "Online classes are not supported by the university's budget and so is managed on a self-support basis, meaning they must pay for themselves."

He also said the instructors must be paid additional salaries for the class.

"There are also the costs of support and management for assisting with distributing material to the students and technical support," Stewart said.

Not only are online classes not in the university's budget, but their availability must be advertised.

These all contribute to the cost of the class.

While the price can be a disadvantage, online classes have their advantages as well.

Stewart said by having online classes, students get to take the class at the times and places most convenient for them.

"Those who do distance learning avoid the cost of driving to campus every day, traveling to Manhattan, paying for lodging, paying for meals, and they get to keep their jobs and other responsibilities while still taking classes," he said.

For Jayme Brown, junior in open option, online classes are more beneficial. Brown, a single mother working full time, said she finds online classes the best option for her and would like to see more classes offered.

"There are a lot of classes online offered by K-State, but there needs to be more variety," Brown said. "You might need a certain class but it isn't offered online and might only be offered as a traditional class or night class."

Other students agree the ends outweigh the means.

"I didn't like that it cost more, but the advantages of taking it online outweighed the cost difference," said Ashley Eisenbarth, junior in biology. "I would take online classes in the future depending on the class."

PEACE UPON YOU

Islamic community concludes month of Ramadan

Manhattan locals fast, mark conclusion of religious holiday with 3-day celebration

Chelsey Leuth
staff photographer

The two women's heads bob toward each other, one clad in a sequined gold hijab, the other in a purple leopard print hijab, as they join together and walk up the stairs and through the door of the Islamic Center of Manhattan.

A kiss is planted twice on both cheeks, and the women embrace in a tight hug. "As-salaam-alaikum," which means "Peace be upon you," is spoken in a hushed tone as the two women slip off their sandals and walk on the padded evergreen carpet into the whitewashed, windowed room of worship.

It is the end of the Islamic month of Ramadan and the start of three-day celebration known as Eid al-Fatr.

Ramadan is the month-long Islamic holiday that runs corresponding with the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. The 2010 Ramadan in Manhattan took place from Aug. 11 to Sept. 10.

During the month of Ramadan, Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset, which is about 14 hours long in Manhattan. During the day, Muslims restrain themselves from food, water, sexual relations and bad attitudes or outlooks on life. Ramadan fasting is part of the five pillars of Islam and is an obligatory action in Islam.

"The special thing about Ramadan is not just the



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Mother and daughter, **Ranim** and **May Altamimi**, offer their prayers during a Tarawih worship at the Islamic Center of Manhattan on Wednesday. Muslims can say the prayer at night during the month of Ramadan.

fasting," said Mofalh Al Shlgathri, a Muslim resident of Manhattan. "Muslims should fast during this month, but because Allah our God revealed the Holy Quran to our prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, during the last 10 days of Ramadan. That is what makes Ramadan special to us."

Mohammad Al Batainah, president of the Muslim Student Association, created an analogy to describe Ramadan in the context of the Islamic faith.

"Muslims are the cars of their faith, and Ramadan is like the gas station; it is a month to allow Muslims

"We open our doors for both Muslims and non-Muslims to join us for any kind of activity."

Mohammad al Batainah
President of the Muslim Student Association

to refill themselves with a religious fuel that will give them enough energy to run through the rest of the year," he said.

For Ahmed Almadhi, president of the Saudi Club, a student-run K-State

organization, Ramadan is a time for strengthening and asking God for forgiveness and help, he said.

"For me myself, I think Ramadan is like the reset button for your life," Almadhi said. "We are people and we do a lot of mistakes, so we as Muslims should take advantage from this month and pray to Allah and ask him for forgiveness, help and guidance."

Community events

In the month of Ramadan, evenings in Manhattan are spiced with events for the Islamic community.

Every Saturday, the Islamic Center of Manhattan

hosts an evening community supper where Muslims can discuss different issues they are experiencing, eat and experience fellowship in community. The center also hosts an evening prayer time called Tarawih, where Muslims of the Islamic community can worship. Both men and women are invited; however, according to religious rule, men and women are separated, therefore making it convenient for them to practice their faith.

"During Ramadan you find people more active and more willing to do

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Journalism program possibly seeking new home

Council considers moving Miller School to Dole to better prepare students

Ashley Dunkak
sports editor

In 1899, Kedzie Hall served as the first building of its kind. Also home to the art department and a cafeteria, Kedzie was designated as a Domestic Science Hall — the first in the U.S. designed for home economics.

Now, 111 years later, Kedzie houses the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism. However, if vice

president for communications and marketing Jeff Morris and many others on the Journalism and Mass Communications Advisory Council have their way, that could change in the near future.

Because journalism evolves as rapidly as technology does, students need to develop multimedia skills. In addition to being able to write, journalists have to be familiar with shooting video, taking photos, creating podcasts and more.

At the council's meeting on Sept. 3, many members said students cannot develop those skills with the technology currently available in Kedzie.

"We all have fond memories of Kedzie, but even people who were there in the '60s and '70s were saying it was out of date," said Neil Woerman, director of information technology at the Kansas Insurance Department.

The group discussed two options. The first option was to renovate Kedzie. The second was to add to Dole Hall, which has much more in the way of technology, and then make Dole the new home of the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism.

Kristi Veitch, director of human resources at VML, a marketing agency, said while "Kedzie is where our heart is,"

to retrofit the building is not realistic.

Kedzie is centrally located as well as historically significant, but at this point there is no money to renovate anything.

"The question is really do we want to buy into Jeff's vision of a converged media center," said Angela Powers, professor and director of the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

Most members support that vision.

Thomas Tadtman, council chair and marketing executive of Sun Microsystems, said the employee necessary in the

marketplace is one who can write and produce. Others agreed that journalism is going the way of technology, and higher education needs to get on board.

Monte Miller Jr., owner and manager of Rocking M Radio Inc., was particularly enthusiastic about Morris' idea for a converged media center.

"Jeff, I commend you for breaking up this ... log jam and getting the students into Dole," Miller said. "Somebody had to do it."

As Powers said, no money is available to work on Kedzie, but Morris is preparing an initiative to improve Dole.

Geocaching club members find logbooks, add names to list



COLLEGIAN FILE PHOTO

Members of the Geocaching club put their names down on the list of people who managed to find the geocache last spring semester in Long's Park.

Sam Diederich
staff writer

All across the state this year, a group of K-State students engage in a modern day treasure hunt with a few twists.

A handheld GPS device now replaces a treasure map. Instead of traversing the prairies and plains on horseback, students will strike out from campus in convoys of cars. And instead of gathering riches for the journey home, these treasure seekers simply place the booty back in its hidden space and turn toward seeking another cache.

This treasure hunt is not about the physical rewards as much as it is about the act of searching.

"Basically, geocaching is like a high tech scavenger hunt. People

hide these caches, typically in a Tupperware container or an old ammo can, and they hide them somewhere in nature," said Christine Ebert, senior in nutrition, dietetics and kinesiology. "They get the coordinates from a GPS and put them on a website."

Once the coordinates are on the web, seekers can use their own GPS devices to track the cache, discover its hiding place and investigate the contents of the container.

"It's never anything very big," said Chris Hopkins, junior in geography. "It's usually a trinket or something like that from the area. If someone is from Manhattan they would probably put a K-State item in. If they are from New York, they would put in something from New York."

After looking over the cache,

seekers sign a logbook that lets other seekers know how often the prize was visited, and then place it back in its original place. The activity does not allow for much return in terms of tangible rewards, but it does provide opportunities for outdoor adventure.

"This summer I had to scale a rock face," Ebert said. "It was the scariest thing I've had to do in my life. I had no gear. I was just there, and I had to scale the cliff."

Such challenges are what draw people to the sport and a recently formed geocaching club at K-State allows for participants to seek alone no more.

Susan Cheng, senior in anthropology and president of the Geocaching Club, encourages all seekers, no matter their level of ex-

perience, to join the search party.

"I think we have something for most people," Cheng said. "You can get outdoors and explore the area and if you like hiking, there is a lot of hiking. And it's fun meeting people and finding places you didn't know about."

The club meets once a week to strike out on adventures that provide some unusual thrills.

"One time there was a cache, and it was a fake snake, and I was freaked out because I thought it was real," Ebert said. "They had hollowed out the inside of the stomach and put the logbook in there."

"It's a challenge, but it's fun. They aren't in obvious places so you have to really look to find them."

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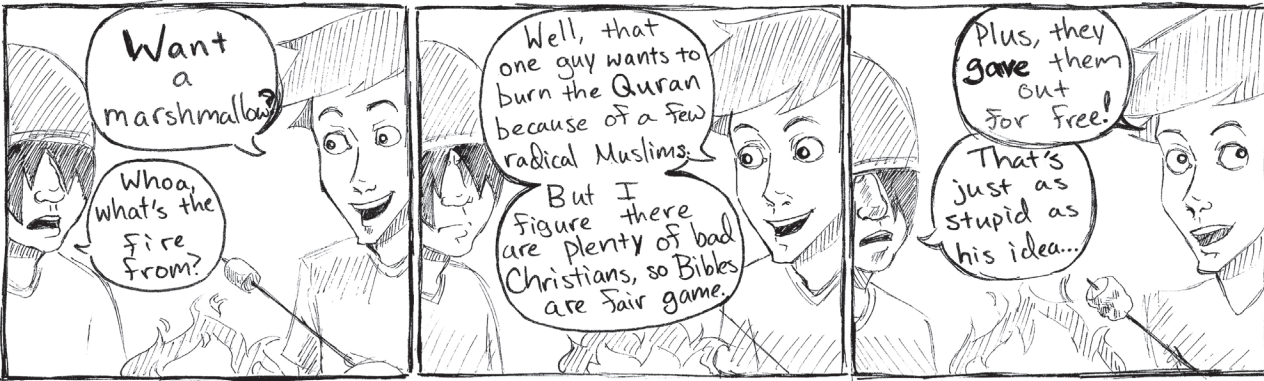
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Today’s Cryptoquip Clue: B equals L

Logan’s Run | By Erin Logan



POLICE REPORTS

Tiara Williams and Sarah Rajewski
staff writer and copy manager

FBI LOOKING FOR ROBBERY SUSPECTS

Two masked men robbed the Manhattan branch of Sunflower Bank on Thursday evening. The men entered the 2710 Anderson Ave. bank and made an oral demand for cash, said Bridget Patton, media representative for the Kansas City Division of the FBI. She said the first suspect, estimated at 5 feet 6 inches tall, had a handgun. He wore

a homemade mask made out of cloth material with the eyes cut out, a dark jacket, dark cargo pants, dark gloves and white shoes, according to a news release. The second suspect, estimated at 6 feet tall, seemed slimmer than suspect one, Patton said. He also wore a homemade mask made of cloth material with the eyes cut out, a dark jacket, dark colored jeans and dark gloves, according to a news release. The suspects fled in an undefined direction with an undisclosed amount of cash, Patton said. There were no injuries. Lt. Herb Crosby of the Riley County Police Department said the FBI is in charge of the investigation because it is a federal offense to

rob a bank. Anyone with information can call the FBI at 816-512-8200. **RCPD MAKES ARRESTS, ISSUES CITATIONS** The Riley County Police Department stopped 30 drivers Saturday night during one of its driving under the influence saturation patrols, according to a news release. Officers arrested one person, who was booked on a charge of driving under the influence, according to the release. Police arrested and booked another person on charges of driving with a suspended license and obstruction of justice, according to the release. Police issued three citations for minor in possession of al-

cohol and for transporting an open container of alcohol. Five officers worked the patrol, which lasted until early Sunday morning. It was the final patrol in a series of five saturation patrols, and the Kansas Department of Transportation provided the funding, according to the release.

RAPE IN NORTHERN MANHATTAN REPORTED

A local woman reported a rape that happened between 11 p.m. Sept. 4 and 4 a.m. Sept. 5, Crosby said. The woman, who is in her late teens to early 20s, knows the suspect, according to the report. The incident happened in the north central part of Manhattan, and the woman had no injuries, Crosby said.

WEEKLY BLOTTER ARREST REPORTS

THURSDAY

Michael Dale Cross, homeless, was booked for criminal restraint. Bond was set at \$500.

Michael Craig Luftman, of the 2000 block of Shirley Lane, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license and for probation violation. Bond was set at \$2,250.

Alaise Shannon Singson, of Ogden, was booked for aggravated battery. Bond was set at \$5,000.

FRIDAY

Dustin Lee Abramovitz, of the 3700 block of Pecan Drive, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Ramon Iran Fewell, of the 500 block of Osage Street, was booked

for domestic battery. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Michael Galper, of Brooklyn, N.Y., was booked for disorderly conduct and for incitement to riot. Bond was set at \$2,000.

Manuel Alejandro Molina-Villa, of Fort Riley, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Jeremy Paul Redmond, of the 1300 block of Marlatt Avenue, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Erik Ivan Urista, of the 800 block of Fair Lane, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$10,000.

Samuel Adams Wisner, of Wayland, Mass., was booked for disorderly conduct and for incitement to riot. Bond was set at \$2,000.

SATURDAY

Juan Ramon Aguero Gallegos, of the 8500 block of U.S. Highway 24, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$2,250.

Justin Ryan Bertrand, of the 1100 block of Colorado Road, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Ezekiel Bernard Brown, of Sherman, Texas, was booked for unlawful possession of depressants. Bond was set at \$500.

Christopher Morgan Burrow, of Fort Riley, was booked for disorderly conduct. Bond was set at \$750.

Jordan Allen Calder, of St. Petersburg, Fla., was booked for purchase or consumption of alcoholic liquor by a minor and for obstruction of the legal process. Bond was set at \$3,000.

Raymond Manuel Eagle, of the 700 block of Goodrich Drive, was booked for driving under the influence and for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$4,500.

Christopher Brian Helms, of Junction City, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$500.

Brant Joseph Mueller, of the 1500 block of College Avenue, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

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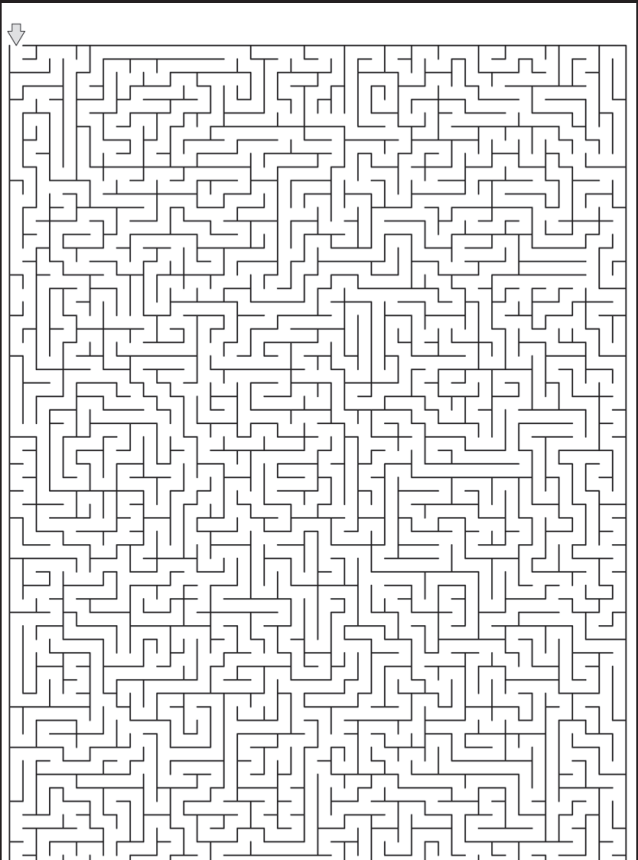
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RAMADAN | Muslims come together for celebration to conclude fast

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more worship during Ramadan,” Al Batainah said. “Muslims feel different here at Ramadan; they have more passion for religion and their faith, so they do more worship, they do more prayers and give more donations.” One of the lessons taught during Ramadan is the action of giving to the unfortunate of society. The act of fasting allows Muslims to experience life with no earthly pleasures. Al Batainah said Muslims in the Manhattan community collected money during the month of Ramadan and bought food to donate to local charities. Outside the Islamic Center of Manhattan, the Saudi Club offers support to Muslims during Ramadan. Almadhi said the club hosts a breakfast each weekend throughout Ramadan, but by breakfast he means having a meal after sunset. The Saudi Club also was planning on hosting an event to celebrate Eid al-Fatr.

Eid al-Fatr

Concluding the month of Ramadan, Muslims celebrate the end of the fast with a three-day event known as Eid al-Fatr, or commonly referred to as Eid. Muslims break their fast by eating a small portion early in the morning and typically head to a mosque or

community center to participate in the Eid. In Manhattan, the Eid, along with a celebratory ceremony, took place on Friday at the Islamic Center of Manhattan. During the ceremony, a prayer and sermon were offered. Proceeding the ceremony, both men and women joyfully greeted their fellow brothers and sisters and talked while they drifted to the basement of the center where they held a feast of foods to celebrate the Eid. Nurulsyaida Mat Saman, a resident of Manhattan, said this was her first Eid here. “Here I meet many people from many countries,” said Mat Saman, who is originally from Malaysia. “There are not many Malaysians — only three families. I feel far from my family.” Eid al-Fatr in Manhattan is much different than most Muslim traditional Eids because there is such a diversity of cultures that gather to celebrate, Mat Saman said, using the various types of food as an example. “I want to see different cultures, different ways to celebrate Eid,” she said. “I like it here because I can feel different Eid celebrations inspiring.”

Open doors

As the Eid celebration ended, women held the hands of their children as they said



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Ruby Haque plays with her baby, **Kaysam Haque**, as Kaysam’s grandma, **Mamie Haque**, holds him. Women and children gathered to celebrate the end of the Ramadan fast in a celebration known as Eid al-Fatr in the basement of the Islamic Center of Manhattan. The men celebrated in a partitioned room next door.

goodbye to friends before meeting with their husbands in the parking lot of the Islamic Center. Al Batainah said people of all faiths are welcome at the center. “We have our worship inside this building, so it’s not a secret thing,” he said. “We open our doors for both Muslims and non-Muslims to join us for any kind of activity; we have no limitations. We are not conservative for just Muslims, but we open our doors for anyone, and we would like to communicate with other people in our nice city.”

Police arrest rapper at fraternity philanthropy event on Friday



Lisle Alderton | Collegian

Rapper **Sammy Adams** was arrested by the Riley County Police Department during a performance at Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity on Friday night. According to the RCPD’s arrest report, Adams, listed as “Samuel Adams Wisner,” of Wayland, Mass., was booked on charges of disorderly conduct and of incitement to riot. His bond was set at \$2,000. Attendees at the concert purchased T-shirts as their tickets.


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Do you think the benefits of taking online courses outweigh the extra cost? Why?


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"No, because you don't get the whole college experience. It defeats the purpose of going to college."




Anna Fielding
FRESHMAN, ANIMAL SCIENCES AND INDUSTRY

"No, because I like to listen to someone say it and be there myself."




Katie Kroska
FRESHMAN, LIFE SCIENCES

"Yeah, because if you're online you'll be paying attention, but if you're in class you might not be."



Yousif Shehab
FRESHMAN, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

"No, because I've taken an online class, and I failed because I didn't have the teacher there to help when I needed it."




Kody Lenhart
FRESHMAN, BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

"It depends on the class."




Madeline Wetta
JUNIOR, ENGLISH AND WOMEN'S STUDIES

"Probably not, because if you go to class, you learn more. I need someone to show me how to do it."




Zach Goldstein
JUNIOR, ACCOUNTING

"It depends on how much time you have."




Jordan Kenne
FRESHMAN, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

"No, because for me it's easy to come to campus, and I like being on campus."



Jessica Burden
SENIOR, ACCOUNTING

"It depends on what you're majoring in, because you could be helping out your class load."



Katelyn Nigus
FRESHMAN, ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

OPEN MINDS?

Repeal of military's policy necessary

Hayli Morrison
website manager

My military spouse survey arrived recently concerning the proposed repeal of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, a House-approved measure currently heading toward a Senate vote. This policy prohibits gay service members from discussing or being asked about their sexual orientation because homosexual acts violate military policy.

At the survey's conclusion, I summed up my feelings:

"This is a silly, outdated policy that needs to be repealed because it doesn't reflect the American culture at large or the freedoms our soldiers fight to defend."

Not everyone in the military world agrees with me. One normally open-minded person disagreed with my pro-repeal stance enough to blurt out, "Have you lost your mind?"

Well, no, not lately.

I decided to research both sides of the issue — involving much Internet blog and forum reading and face-to-face discussion as to the "why" behind opinions. By and large, it seems service members hesitant about the change aren't necessarily afraid of working alongside members of the LGBT community. Besides, that's unavoidable, as anyone who has ever checked same-sex personals ads on Craigslist around military base locations would know. In fact, the prevailing opinion seems to be, "As long as service members do their job well, who cares?"

So, what gives?

A common fear of service members is the reaction of other service members — the hotheads — against those who decide to "come out." The fear is arguments, violence and the worst possible scenarios that could come from such a major policy change in such an "alpha male" culture. This is an especially fragile issue during high-stress times of deployment, when these distractions could jeopardize the lives of service members directly or indirectly involved in the personality dispute.

On the other hand, was it

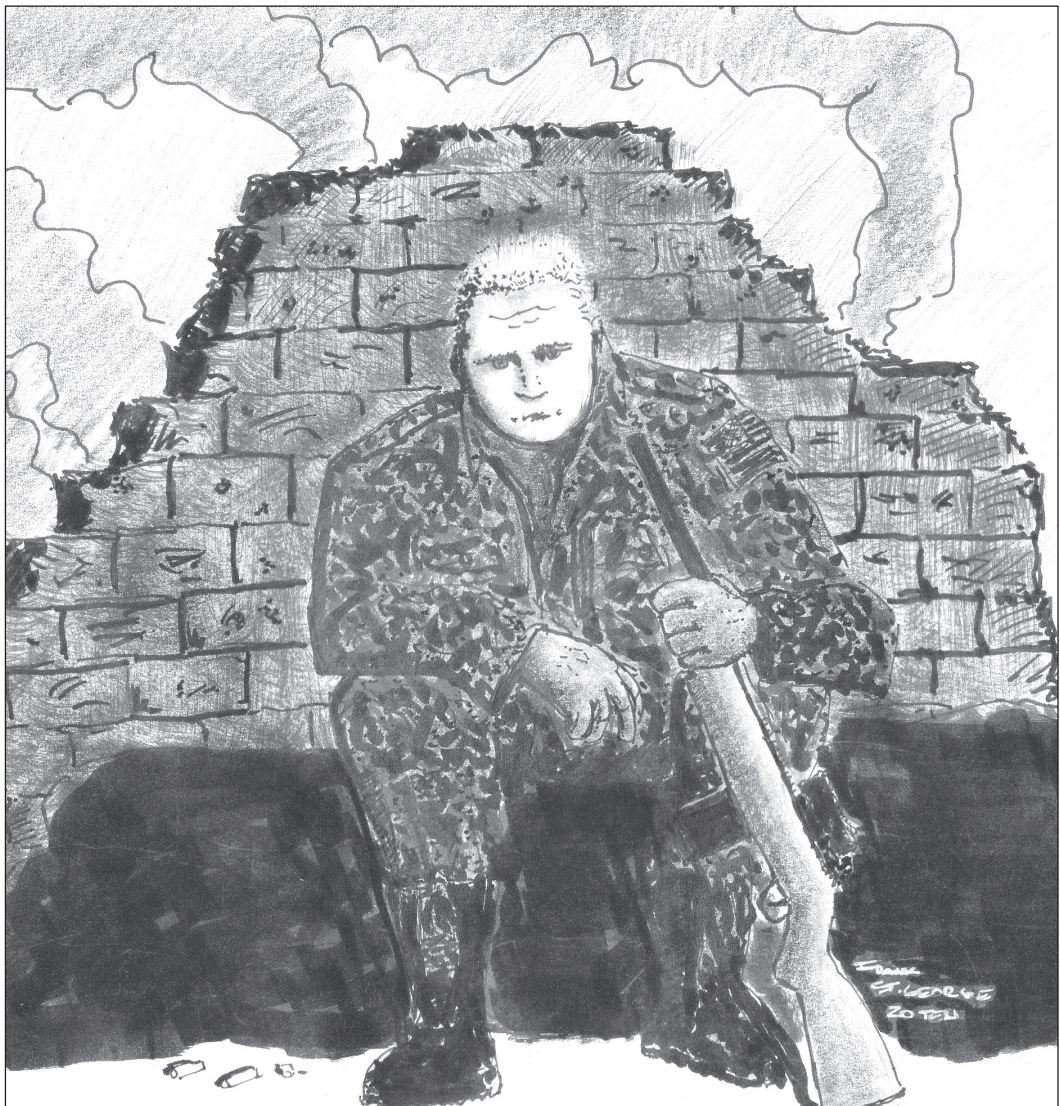


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a distraction when women started joining the ranks professionally in 1948 with the Women's Armed Services Integration Act? One could also envision present-day scenarios where some service members might act on religion or race-based resentment. To me, the most sensible course of action is to acknowledge the difference and stop pretending it doesn't exist. Expect service members to handle personality conflicts responsibly and hold them accountable if they refuse.

Let's not forget the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy is a Clinton-era compromise to allow gay people to serve without fear of inquiry or reprisal from superiors. This was considered necessary because the military has a longstanding view of homosexual behavior as "an unacceptable risk to the high standards of morale, good order and discipline and unit cohesion that are the essence of military capability," according to United States Code Title 10, Section 654(a).

So while a proponent of the repeal, I can acknowledge the fear of "unofficial" reprisals from supervisors. It would be

responsible to instill a new set of regulations guarding against LGBT harassment from peers and supervisors.

And ultimately, if people want to come out of the closet, even in the face of possible social repercussions, shouldn't it be their choice? It's frustrating that more than 13,500 service members were discharged under the policy since 1994, according to the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network. Is there another nonreligious organization in America where this would be possible without a major lawsuit? It's archaic and antithetical to the concept of American freedom.

Will this change the U.S. Army's culture? Call me naive but the overall social norms will prevail — on base, at least. I think the "to each their own" mentality will hold strong in the wake of the policy's repeal, due primarily to significant cultural shifts in the last 15 years that made homosexuality seem much less an anomaly. And frankly, I think many underestimate the open-mindedness and demographic composition of the military today. It's not all Republicans or Southerners

— furthermore, not all Republicans or Southerners dislike gays. But I digress.

Post-policy, I expect gays in the military will behave about like they always have. What they won't have to do is remain in loveless marriages to keep up appearances for fear of losing their abilities to provide for their children, as was the predicament of one man interviewed by a Norfolk, Va., newspaper last September.

There are bound to be a few turbulent spots, but the dust will eventually settle, and this will all be a distant, laughable memory.

So will the policy's repeal affect my family's deployment readiness? No. Will it affect my willingness to live in on-base housing? No. Is fear of the unknown sufficient justification for preserving a policy that's more outdated than Donald Trump's toupee? Have you lost your mind?

Bring on the change — but do so responsibly.

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Increasing immigration beneficial for US economy



Beth Mendenhall

Sometimes watching cable news is overwhelming. Natural disasters, ethnic conflict and two wars reaching their seventh and eighth year of fighting. Gridlock in Congress, political extremism and the double-dip recession. Illegal immigration, the swine flu, Russian spies and AIDs.

With hundreds of issues dominating our political consciousness, sometimes it's hard to recognize consistent and effective political solutions to seemingly unrelated global problems. Sometimes, the right policy solution finds itself in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Two important issues on voters' minds before the midterm elections — immigration and economic

recovery — are whipping up a political storm as legislators present a host of bills to resolve these two policy issues for the country and for their re-election. One proposal, eliminating the cap on H-1B visas, can stimulate economic recovery by increasing immigration. And possibly be the key to shaping a comprehensive reform solution that reasonably and effectively resolves illegal immigration issues.

Most people don't know much about visas. They know some people have them and some people don't, and they know that they aren't exactly easy to get. There are more than 50 different kinds and an extremely diverse and highly specific set of eligibility requirements, making the system an interesting tool to shape the economy.

Most media coverage and punditry has harangued one side of the immigration political spectrum; everyone has an opinion about immigration. At least, the Tea Party definitely does. A structural increase in the number of visas to high-

skilled foreign workers is a good idea that hasn't gotten its 15 minutes.

The H-1B visa is part of a series of H visas that are granted to temporary workers without a direct path to permanent legal residence. To receive an H-1B, an immigrant's potential employer files for the visa on the immigrant's behalf. The employer, and the prospective recipient, have to jump through an array of bureaucratic hurdles to be granted a 3-year temporary work visa that's renewable just once.

The applicant must have a bachelor's degree or higher and highly specialized technical knowledge. The company must prove it has attempted to hire American workers for the job and no one applied or no one was qualified. The temporary immigrant must be paid the prevailing wage for that occupation or the average wage of other workers at the company with the same job, whichever is higher. And on top of it all, Congress just paid for the new border security increase by doubling

the cost of the visa.

And yet, immigrants and the companies who need them file for H-1B visas at an incredible rate, reaching the current limit of 65,000 within days in past, according to Courtney Cromwell's 2009 law review in the Brooklyn Journal of Corporate, Financial and Commercial Law. Application activity has slowed due to the recession this year, but is projected to reach the cap in the next few months. Despite 163,000 H-1B applications in 2009, Congress still only allocates 65,000 visas to the H-1B program, according to Ajay Malshe in the 2009 Albany Government Law Review.

Businesses object; they say they have unfilled positions because of a high-skilled labor shortage due to retiring baby-boomers, a lack of American applicants and a decrease in American applicants' relative qualifications in math, science and engineering.

The biggest industries affected are found in Silicon Valley. The limited number of available visas decreases

companies' abilities to innovate, expand and invest. But most American companies know how to get what they want, and they do — in Canada. Or China. Or India.

Intel and Microsoft have started building offices in Vancouver. The explicit motivation was inability to get enough H-1B workers. Keeping the cap on visas so low doesn't help American workers like it's supposed to.

It takes jobs overseas and patents with them. It takes additional tax revenue, and the cultural and business connections needed to expand American companies into international markets.

In short, the economy could use a little immigration. Innovation keeps America competitive on a global market and facilitates market expansion. Americans cannot fill these jobs, but they certainly can benefit by market growth.

But nobody told Congress.

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FALLING SHORT

Though victorious, team plagued by inconsistency



Justin Nutter

What does it mean to set two career records in the same game? According to Carson Coffman, not a whole heck of a lot.

Coffman, K-State's senior quarterback, set personal bests with 280 passing yards and three touchdowns in the Wildcats' 48-24 win against Missouri State on Saturday. He found Brodrick Smith twice in the end zone and Aubrey Quarles once en route to a career day, but it wasn't enough to satisfy the native of Peculiar, Mo.

"I think me and the rest of the team pictured it going a little bit differently," he said. "The offense, we thought we were going to score every time we went out there, and that didn't happen. We were a little disappointed in that."

Perhaps Coffman's opinion of his performance was an accurate reflection of the entire game. On paper, it appeared the Wildcats would run away with this one from the opening kickoff. They had the advantage in every facet of the game.

Unfortunately, it looked like K-State entered the game thinking just that.

Things were shaky from the start, as K-State opened the game with a three-and-out against the Bears' defense. The Wildcats forced a three-and-out of their own and grabbed a 7-0 lead when Daniel Thomas broke free on a 45-yard touchdown run, but then the struggles continued.

Missouri State drove into K-State territory, but — fortunately for the Wildcats — missed a field goal attempt. K-State couldn't capitalize, going three plays and out for the second time in three series.

The offense obviously got on track as the game progressed, but it was far too dependent on big plays in what should have been an easy win. Five of K-State's seven touchdowns came on plays of 20 or more yards, and another came on a fake field goal.



Nathaniel LaRue | Collegian
Brodrick Smith, sophomore wide receiver, outruns Missouri State cornerback **Howard Scarborough** during Saturday's game against Missouri State. Smith had 99 yards and 2 touchdowns. The Wildcats won 48-24.

K-State's defense looked solid in the early-going, allowing just seven points in the first half, but the story couldn't have been more different after intermission. The Bears scored 17 points after the break, including a late touchdown pass from Cody Kirby to Trevor Wooden. Wooden's grab capped off an 18-play drive that started inside Missouri State's own one-yard line.

That's right: 18 plays, 99-plus yards. It doesn't matter if you're playing a team from the Missouri Valley or the SEC; those numbers

are just plain unacceptable.

Long story short: the Wildcats scored more points than their opponent on Saturday, but that's about it. This was their last chance to work out any kinks before starting a seemingly endless stretch of competitive games. But one could argue they left the stadium with more questions than they arrived with. Consistency was a major issue throughout the contest, and as head coach Bill Snyder pointed out, a lack of effort was pretty obvious.

Maybe this was only a matter of

K-State playing to the level of its competition. Maybe the Wildcats will step it up this weekend against Iowa State at Arrowhead Stadium. Frankly, if they want any legitimate shot at a bowl bid or a Big 12 Championship appearance, they don't have much of a choice.

The road only gets tougher from here. It's time to see what this team is really made of.

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Confident Coffman key for offense



Paul Harris

Well, they say you are never as good or as bad as you think you are from week to week.

Starting quarterback Carson Coffman, who was efficient against UCLA, was explosive against Missouri State.

The difference between the two teams is obvious. UCLA's secondary was one of the most experienced in the nation. Missouri State's is anything but that.

Coffman managed the game extremely well for K-State. There were some mistakes, but if Wildcat fans believe they are going to get a game-changing quarterback week-in and week-out, they need to take off their purple glasses.

My favorite play of the ball game was when Coffman snapped his neck around on a play action pass and threw a pass off his back foot to a smothered Brodrick Smith. Smith shook off the defender and rumbled into the end zone.

Coffman and Smith connected again in the third quarter.

While Smith provided the big play for Coffman, Aubrey Quarles was consistent.

He gave Coffman a big target to throw to on curl routes.

As we have seen thus far, the defense cannot stop an option read play, and Iowa State will look to exploit this weakness at Arrowhead Stadium.

Coffman is going to be relied upon heavily next week. Coffman's timing with the rest of the playmakers on the outside needs to get better. Senior safety David Sims, who was the Big 12 Conference's defensive newcomer last year, will be back and looking to make a splash for his second game after serving a one-game suspension.

Iowa State, like every opponent, will be geared up to stop Thomas. This is not breaking news to anyone.

Hopefully, the Missouri State game served as enough of a confidence booster for the senior quarterback. A confident Coffman will carry this team further than a healthy Daniel Thomas.

You know what you are going to get from Thomas every week. On the other hand, the quarterback play has been inconsistent. The missing piece for the last two years has been a quarterback. Gregory did all he could last year, but without a healthy shoulder he was fairly limited.

All I am asking from Coffman is he plays somewhere in between the UCLA and Missouri State game. It is too much to ask that the lightly recruited back-up to Josh Freeman step in and be Josh Freeman? That is not what he was brought in to do. He was brought in to manage the game.

After watching the game against the fighting head coach Terry Allen, I feel good about Coffman's ability to lead the Wildcats to victory in Arrowhead and to paint Kansas City purple. He finally understands what his role is. He finally realizes he needs to get out of the way and let his playmakers make the plays.

I think you know what you need to do this week, Carson. So, get out your checkbook and take your wide receivers out to dinner. They are going to be important in this week's game, and you need to let them know it.

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Volleyball team loses to top-ranked teams at tourney

Wildcats fall to Florida State, Kentucky, beat Virginia Commonwealth

Sam Nearhood
staff writer

K-State had to take a "moral victory" last weekend after nearly knocking off two top-ranked teams. At the Kentucky Invitational, K-State dropped its first match to No. 17 Florida State in five games after a see-saw match. Later that day, the Wildcats swept Virginia Commonwealth. On Saturday, K-State faced No. 16 University of Kentucky in another oscillating match marked by top performances, but eventually lost by four points in the fifth game.

K-STATE 2, FLORIDA STATE 3

K-State took the first game 25-19 by a good margin, but Florida State did the same in the second. Returning from intermission, the Seminoles secured the third game 25-15, but the Wildcats forced a fifth game 25-20. However, K-State dropped its chance for a win 11-15.

Lauren Mathewson had a great morning in the back row with 26 digs. Up front, Kathleen Ludwig had a solid match with a .207 hitting percentage after 10

successful attacks, and Caitlyn Donahue grabbed a double-double with 40 assists and 14 digs.

The Wildcats started the tournament with a nice lead that they kept after an evenly fought battle to the end, which K-State took 25-19. The second game went over more roughly. Down 6-9, K-State already had seven attack errors and only one successful attack, but a timeout set off a comeback to 13-all. From there, the Seminoles battled back with a second effort to 25-19.

K-State took an early timeout in the third game after falling behind, which it used to turn the momentum back around to jump up to 11-all. Florida State pushed back with a huge run and K-State could not take the heat, falling 15-25. Needing a win to avoid losing the match, K-State took a seven-point lead early. Another critical run gave K-State the momentum to drive forward and win the fourth game 25-20.

The Seminoles edged out a small lead of 6-3 in the final game. Nearly losing 7-13, K-State came back with four more points, but Florida State finished the game 15-11 to end the back-and-forth match.

K-STATE 3, VCU 0

The Wildcats put up a heavy front to crush the Rams in the first game 25-18, but the loser

returned in the second with a bit more fight, going down in extra points 28-30. Looking for its fourth sweep in one week, K-State took the last game 26-24 after another comeback.

JuliAnne Chisholm dominated the K-State front with 16 kills — the only double digits in this category — and a .297 attack percentage. Mathewson also led both teams in digs with 14.

K-State leapt out with early points and maintained a strong hold for the rest of the game. A block gave K-State a 10-4 advantage, and another run later put the Wildcats in good position for an easy win. The Rams, however, mustered an effort of six points to not fall short, but K-State continued its drive and won the first game 25-18.

The Rams came out in the second game with ferocity. Jumping ahead 6-1 after two runs, Virginia Commonwealth began a lead that seemed to be enough for a win. Down seven points for much of the game, K-State looked to be out of it, with the Rams approaching game point. At 17-23, K-State clicked and put up point after point to stop Virginia Commonwealth. The Wildcats continued to fan the newfound fire for an oscillating finale eventually falling in favor of the purple team 30-28.

See VOLLEYBALL, Page 7



Lisle Alderton | Collegian
Lauren Mathewson, senior libero, returns the ball to the Georgia Tech team during the K-State Volleyball team's last home game this Saturday.

Coach: Tournament was eye-opener for golf team

Wildcats finish 15th at Wolf Run Intercollegiate, finishing at 65-over par

Tyler Scott
staff writer

K-State came into its first tournament inexperienced, and it showed as the team finished in 15th place at the Wolf Run Intercollegiate in Zionsville, Ind.

K-State finished the first two rounds sitting in 14th place. The Wildcats carded a first-round score of 305 before dwindling their second round score to 300. However, a late comeback fell short as the

team shot a third round score of 312.

The top individual on the team was sophomore Curtis Yonke, who finished tied for 40th place. Sophomore Ben Juffer was tied for 10th place after the first two rounds, but a 12-over-par finish in the third round knocked him down to 54th place.

Head coach Tim Norris said Juffer has shown good signs throughout his career.

"He worked really hard this summer on improving his weaknesses," Norris said. "With one year under his belt it didn't take long for him to make the changes that he has."

The team also had a few

freshmen getting their first dose of collegiate play in Jack Watson, Tyler Norris and Thomas Birdsey. Watson tied for 69th place with a score of 21-over par, Norris tied for 80th carding a score of 38-over par and Birdsey finished three strokes behind Juffer carding an 18-over par.

Norris said this was a learning experience for the younger players.

"It was an eye-opener for all the guys that came here," Norris said. "It's an examination of our game, and we would've liked to be a bit further along."

Norris said the course also played a bit of a factor. He said not everyone was at the top of

their game and a lot of good teams played in the tournament.

Illinois was the winner of the tournament after Scott Langley, who finished the tournament tied for third, carded a two-under par 69 overall to lead the team past Central Florida and Ball State.

Connor Arendell of Central Florida was the top individual of the tournament. He carded a score of five-under par 208. Eric Steger of Ball State finished four strokes behind him at one-under par 212.

The Wildcats next match is Sept. 20 at the Kansas Invitational at Alvamar Golf Club in Lawrence.

WOLF RUN INTERCOLLEGIATE

Wolf Run Golf Club
Zionsville, Ind.

Sept. 10 - 12

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Curtis Yonke +13
Ben Juffer +16
Thomas Birdsey +18
Jack Watson +21
Tyler Norris +38

TEAM SCORE

K-State +65

WEEKLY FAN POLL – SEPT. 13

Are you going to Saturday's football game in Kansas City?

A: Yes

B: No

Vote online at kstatecollegian.com and check next Monday's issue for this week's results.



LAST WEEK'S RESULTS:

Other than Daniel Thomas, who had the best game against UCLA?

RB William Powell: 103 votes (55%)
K Anthony Cantele: 75 votes (40%)
QB Carson Coffman: 5 votes (3%)
WR Brodrick Smith: 4 votes (2%)

Total number of votes: 187

ON-CAMPUS LOOKS

K-State students go for mix of comfort, style in clothes

Elena Buckner and Katie Reilley

edge editor and junior staff writer

Most Wildcats will proclaim royal purple is one of the best colors around, but this fall, fashion designers will also add their voices into that declaration.

As evidenced by Christian Dior, Oscar de la Renta and Chanel's fall collections, purple is a staple color featured. Most K-State students won't walk around campus clothed in designer threads, but the color purple and K-State gear was, is, and shall continue to be a staple for many Wildcat wardrobes. Walk across campus at almost any time, and it's a safe bet students wear at least one piece of apparel that displays their school pride.

Christine Yost, freshman in business administration, said her style depends on the type of activity.

"For class, I typically wear shorts and a T-shirt," Yost said. "For going out, I love dark wash jeans or one of my hundred dresses with heels."

With the surge in popularity of dresses this summer, it's no surprise the trend is carrying over into fall. Bubble-styled dresses are featured in couture fall collections and the always popular "little black dress" stakes a claim in most women's closets. One advantage to the popularity of dresses is their ease and flexibility. With only one piece of clothing to put on, the guessing game of making a cohesive outfit is eliminated and, as long as the dress fits properly, it is easy to look chic.

Style is not limited to women; men are influenced by it also.

Freshman in secondary education, Scott Calovich, who can usually be found wearing a ball cap daily, said his style is "something along the lines of prep or jock."

In addition to his trademark base-

ball cap, Calovich said he generally shops at stores like American Eagle or Hollister and frequently wears polo shirts, jeans or khaki cargo shorts.

Patrick Marks, sophomore in geography, describes his style as "relaxed."

"I usually wear cargo shorts and a T-shirt, but when it's colder I switch to jeans and a hoodie," Marks said.

Marks' "relaxed" style relates well to many students at K-State, where fashion is not considered a priority as much as comfort and weather-appropriateness are. Both Marks and Calovich agreed comfort usually trumps fashion sense in their lives and their opinions are reflected by many of the fashions seen around campus.

For many men, style is less important than the function of a garment, which can explain the frequent use of Carhartt coats and camouflage gear seen on campus, especially once the weather gets cold. Carhartt clothing is made for durability in all sorts of situations, whether at construction jobs or out hunting or farming, so it is no surprise that Carhartt jackets are a staple on campus.

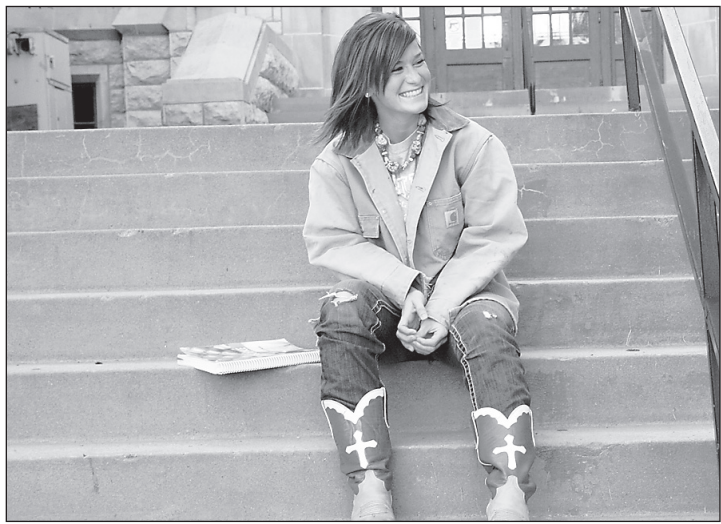
With the combination of military ROTC programs and a student body that is not foreign to the idea of hunting, camouflage is also a logical trend that is perhaps specific to K-State. Many camouflage items are warm and durable, making them ideal for tromping around campus in cold months — as long as the wearer isn't trying to be the most fashionable person on campus.

Whether dressing for sunny fall days or the quickly-approaching winter dreariness, K-State has a dress code all its own — one that reflects the attitudes and personality of the university as a whole. It ranges from sorority letters and polo shirts to camouflage and purple pride, yet each trend is distinctly K-State and mirrors Wildcat love for K-State, and comfort and feeling good in the clothes we're in.



Above: Every day campus is flooded with the purple tees, tanks and sweatshirts of students showing off their Wildcat pride.

Below: Bring out your Carhartt coats, boots and cameos. Since the College of Agriculture is the biggest college at K-State, it's only normal that these items are worn by a large number of students.



Photos by Erin Poppe

Top left: Carhartt coats, sorority letters and purple are all common fashion statements around campus. **Bottom left:** Wearing your greek letters is a big fashion do on campus; it shows you're part of something bigger that's been around K-State for many years.

HOROSCOPES



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Use your head at all times, especially in Aggieville.



Pisces Feb. 19 - March 20
Ramen noodles keep your belly and your wallet full.



Libra Sept. 23 - Oct. 22
Debbie Downers are no fun, so cheer up for once!



Aries March 21 - April 19
Once upon a time could lead you to over the rainbow.



Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
Try something new this week ... like homework.



Taurus April 20 - May 20
Life happens on its own terms, just watch the action.



Sagittarius Nov. 22 - Dec. 21
Not only are seat belts safe, they provide great tan lines.



Gemini May 21 - June 20
You will brighten someone's day if you let yourself.



Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 19
Dance to the beat of your own mash-up.



Cancer June 21 - July 22
Get ready to party like it's the end of the world.



Aquarius Jan. 20 - Feb. 18
Learn how to swim this week before it gets cold.



Leo July 23 - Aug. 22
Courage is useful but bravado is a different thing.

-Compiled by Elena Buckner

Drinking alcohol can be fun, affordable after balancing schoolwork, social life

Katie Brayton
junior staff writer

Jam-packed lines at Varney's, late-night trips to the library and study sessions are all things K-State students participate in at the start of school. When the wear and tear of classes start setting in, where can a thrill-seeking student go for a little entertainment and cheap drinks?

The Aggieville bar district is known in Manhattan for its back to school bashes and thrilling social scene.

"On the weekends, there aren't too many drink specials, however Aggieville is a great place to socialize while running into old friends," said Kevin Patrick, senior in industrial engineering. "Usually I bar-hop including bars such as Kite's, Fat's, and Tubby's, which all have good drink specials on Thursday nights."

Mike Finney, senior in human resource manage-

ment, said he is at Kite's every Wednesday and Thursday night. They have crazy dance parties, he said, and 50-cent wells.

"I also like to shop at the Library liquor store in Aggieville because it's cheap, fast, and they also have new mini Miller Light kegs," Finney said.

With tailgate season in full-swing, students and K-State fans alike are in search of a good deal on alcohol for their tailgate or weekend fiesta. Several liquor stores, including Candlewood Retail Liquor, The Library Discount Liquor and Beer Goggles Superstore all offer competitive pricing for 30-pack cans.

The Library also offers a wine Wednesday special where patrons can save up to 20 percent on all wine purchases. In addition, The Library also offers the "Mix and Match" deal where customers can shop from existing inven-

tory and mix and match a 12 bottle case.

If purchasing a keg for a party is on your itinerary, then don't be afraid to shop around. The Library Liquor store now has Natural Light and Keystone kegs for \$75. For veteran party go-ers, you know you will need several bags of ice, storage space and a brave soul to man your keg in addition to the beer itself in order to have a successful kegger.

According to librarydiscountliquor.com, there are a few tips for making a keg purchase efficient and fun, such as making sure a picnic pump is cold. The site suggests sticking it in the fridge as well as sticking the line that the beer will be flowing through under cool water, which will help reduce the foam. Once keg beer is tapped, it will stay good for the next 24 hours until it goes flat.

Creating a healthy balance between partying and school

poses an issue for some students.

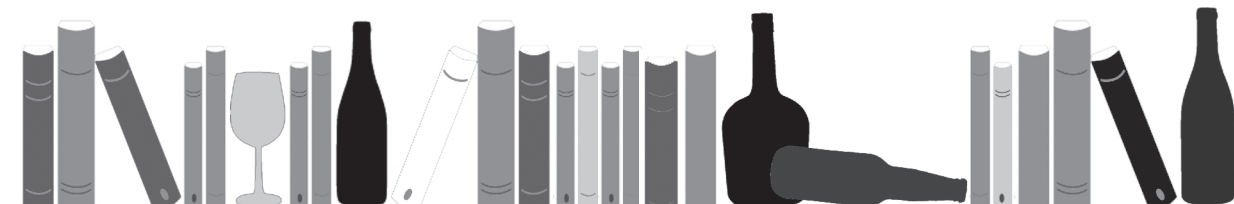
"Partying won't affect you if you put your work before it. People just need to know how to manage their time," said Melissa Biagioli, senior in elementary education.

Alcohol consumption is a temptation for students attending K-State.

"I put school first, separate from partying," said Heather Woods, senior in political science.

"It's hard to do it the other way around. Going out for 'just one drink' and then leaving the bar to do homework is difficult," Woods said.

Whether students are on the lookout for cheap beer specials, dance parties or simply a good time, it is important to remember what has brought us to Manhattan, and Woods' words sum it up nicely: "I make sure the work is finished before heading out to the 'Ville.'"



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